

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2011
7:15 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McHale at 7:15PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-present
Councilwoman Zamechansky-absent
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Freeman
All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

July 18, 2011 Police Committee Meeting- Motion to approve: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Stylianou
Roll call vote: Council members Manna, Stylianou, Mayor McHale-yes

July 19, 2011 Executive Meeting-Motion to approve: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Caspare
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou-yes
Councilman Freeman-abstained

July 19, 2011 Public Meeting-Motion to approve: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Manna
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou-yes
Councilman Freeman-abstained

August 2, 2011 Closed Session-Motion to approve: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Freeman
Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes
Councilman Carrick-abstained

August 2, 2011 Public Meeting-Motion to approve: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes

Councilman Carrick-abstained

Administrator Perkins' Report

There will be a 9/11 interfaith service held at 9AM at the high school and a candlelight vigil at Memorial Park.

Mr. Perkins stated that the Best Practices questionnaire from the State has arrived. The way the town is managed determines how much state aid it receives. As of now, we are at 92%, which translates into receipt of 100% share of State Aid for 2012.

He and the CFO have attended seminars pertaining to Health Benefit Reform. They will be meeting to talk about implementation.

The Environmental Joint Insurance Fund did an inspection of the DPW on the building and how it is maintained. This was the third year in a row that there were no deductions.

The DPW has made a list of every street in town and the easements.

There will be a new Delta Dental plan with a PPO for employees, which will save the Borough money. It is the same benefit as before.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Caspare

DPW

A total of 395 miles was swept in July; 42 catch basins were cleaned.

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

The Run is scheduled for September 10, 2011. They have a record number of sponsors-currently over 60. He thanked Mariner's Bank for their donation of \$1,000. He thanked Dumont Board of Education for allowing us to use the high school; Matt Kalamaris from MTV Entertainment will provide DJ services; and Sports Memory Photographers for taking pictures for free and donating 10% sales back to the race.

Board of Education

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7PM.

- Councilman Freeman

No report-he had missed some meetings due to an illness in his family

- Councilman Carrick

Fire Department

In July there were 40 alarms and a total of 951 man hours. He praised the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps.

- Councilman Manna

Chamber of Commerce

The asks that residents frequent the businesses in town

Board of Ethics

There were no issues before the board at the last meeting. A letter of resignation from Joann Westphal was read-she moved out of town.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McHale publicly thanked outgoing Ethics Board chairperson Joann Westphal, who was a founding member. He asked that if there is a resident with an unaffiliated party affiliation interested in filling the vacancy, that they send a resume.

There has been significant rainfall in the last two days. If anyone notices flooding in a certain area they are advised to call the DPW or Administrator-it could be a clogged catch basin.

The NJEIT Phase II bid opening has been postponed to August 30th. The award of bid is scheduled for September 6th and the project should begin in October.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#11-187 Bills List *

#11-188 Approval of Corrective Action Plan for 2010 Audit *

#11-189 Approval of Block Party on Blanche Court September 17, 2011 *

#11-190 Approval of Henry & Mary McHale Family Fund, Inc. On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be drawn September 19, 2011; RL#350; ID#109-4-39163 *

#11-191 Endorsement of Vantage Health System Community Development Block Grant Application for 2012 *

#11-192 Approval of Donation of 1987 Fire Pumper *

#11-193 Approval of Liquor License Application for Dumont Park Tavern *

#11-194 Observance and Remembrance of 9/11 Tenth Anniversary *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Mayor McHale stated for the record that he has recused himself from Resolution #190. He is a trustee of the organization applying for the raffle.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, was curious as to what check #49754 to GIT is and asked if the Governing Body had reviewed the Corrective Action Plan (Resolution #188).

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1434 Bond ordinance providing for various 2011 capital improvements, by and in the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$435,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$414,284 bonds or notes of the borough to finance part of the cost thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked if the items in this bond ordinance have already been passed by resolution. He asked if the records project is to comply with state law. He was under the impression that GIS mapping is already in place.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes

#1435 Ordinance Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation-N.J.S.40a:4-53 for the Preparation and Execution of a Borough-wide Reassessment of the Previous Revaluation of Real Property.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

Councilman Manna commented that this affords us the opportunity to share services with Cresskill and River Edge. Hopefully, we will have shared service opportunities in the future.

Mayor McHale explained that reassessment differs from revaluation in that the company does not enter homes. This will bring the property index in line and enable the Borough to better defend itself against tax appeals. In the last two to three years tax appeals have increased significantly.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked Councilman Freeman if, after the reassessment the property values are less, would that impact the Borough's ability to borrow. Councilman Freeman responded that it doesn't. The rate is increased in order to keep it level. Our debt is not based upon our revenues; it is based on our assets.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-yes

At the last meeting the Governing Body approved the construction plans for the remediation of TwinBoro Field. Hopefully, the field will be reopened in a year.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk